

MSG Bob Haskell



Martindale: Ministering at "Ground Zero."

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MAJ Joanne Martindale felt America's pain when she told two young children at a New Jersey elementary school that their mom was missing on the evening of Sept. 11.

Martindale, a Presbyterian minister and chaplain for the New Jersey Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 150th Aviation Regiment — and single mother of two — was asked to deliver the heart-wrenching message to the 9-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter of the missing woman.

All Martindale knew was that the woman worked for a brokerage firm on the 102nd floor of the World Trade Center's North Tower. It was the first of the two towers hit by a hijacked jetliner and the second to collapse that morning.

Martindale left the Ancora Psychiatric Hospital in Hammonton, N.J., where she is the director of chaplaincy, put on her dress-blue Army uniform, and met the principal and the missing woman's closest friend at the school in Jersey City.

Then, she gently told the children, whose father had been killed in a car accident five months earlier, that their mother was missing because some bad people had done a very bad thing and had killed a lot of people.

Martindale, a minister since 1989, said she cried as she drove to her home to tell her own children about the terrible things that happened to this country that day.

Then she prepared to spend many more days consoling and counseling those who were laboring for untold hours at two of New York's most sorrowful places

— "Ground Zero" on lower Manhattan and an expansive, reopened landfill on Staten Island where the debris was being hauled.

Martindale was one of 10 New Jersey Guard and five Naval Militia chaplains called to state active duty to help hundreds of other Guard troops, FBI agents and New York City police officers and firefighters deal with their grief, their stress and their fatigue.

Faith in God and hope for better days are among the best things Martindale and other chaplains can offer to soothe spirits, they said.

The children, to whom Martindale had to break the tragic news of their mother's death, are to be adopted by their mother's best friend. — *MSG Bob Haskell, National Guard Bureau Public Affairs Office*

OCT. 23 was an electrifying day in the Balkans, as **Janet Cohen**, wife of former Secretary of Defense William Cohen, visited Eagle Base in Tuzla, Bosnia.

Cohen brought a few friends with her to entertain the soldiers, including recording artist **Clint Black**, Grammy award winner **Jon Carroll**, rising country star **Shane Minor**, comedian **Al Franken** and a couple of **New England Patriot Cheerleaders**.

But it was Cohen who brought the audience to its feet with her opening words of patriotism and support.

"Remember you are peacekeepers and you are humanitarians. The mission you perform here is very important," she said. "I can assure you that the American people are behind you."

Cohen also addressed soldiers' concerns about the continuing war on terrorism in the United States.

"The first responders to the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks were men and women in other uniforms. They were firefighters, police officers, emergency rescue workers, and doctors and nurses," Cohen said. Early on, active, Reserve and National Guard soldiers joined them. They are now watching the home front, "while you watch this front."

The program's patriotic theme continued as Carroll sang "The Star-Spangled Banner." Then, Minor, a former Los Angeles police officer, opened his set with a rendition of Charlie Daniels' "In America," a down-and-dirty, boot-stomping country tune with a strong patriotic message.

The Patriot cheerleaders then invited several soldiers onstage to help lead a cheer. And Franken, a former "Saturday Night Live" writer and performer, had soldiers rolling in the aisles with his jokes about the Taliban.

The show's headliner was Clint Black. The Academy of Country Music Award winner performed in a baseball cap, which he later traded for a black beret provided by **SPC David McCracken**, a National Guard soldier with the 29th Infantry Division. During Black's song, "Something That We Do," **MG H. Steven Blum**,

commander of the Multinational Division (North), and Cohen began to dance. Other soldiers soon joined in, dancing across the floor in front of the stage.

For soldiers of Stabilization Force 10, the Citizen-Patriot Tour provided a taste of home and a break from routine. For the entertainers it was a way of showing their appreciation to the military.

"I am here because I have a great love for the people who commit themselves to serve and protect our country," said Black. "I want to say thank you." — SGT Cheryn Priestino and SPC Tonya Vlahos, 382nd MPAD



Black: Entertaining in Bosnia.

VIRGINIA Army National Guard soldiers **2LT David Sutton** and **SGT Shelle Switzer** weren't exactly overwhelmed the first time they saw Ronald Reagan National Airport.

"I understand it's generally busier," said Sutton, who with a dozen or so other members of the Virginia Beach-based 229th Military Police Company helped civilian authorities safeguard the airport and its passengers and employees.

That was on Thursday, Oct. 4, the day the airport near Washington, D.C., reopened for business. The last airport in the country to reopen after the terrorist attacks, it had been closed since Sept. 11. And business was slow due to the limited number of flights available.

Sutton, a full-time Newport News, Va., police officer, and Switzer, a corrections officer at Virginia's Sussex State Prison, and other members of the 229th,

have been providing security at the Army National Guard's Readiness Center in Arlington, Va., since Sept. 11.

Other Virginia Army Guard troops underwent Federal Aviation Administration security training and reported to Reagan National Airport in October.

President George W. Bush announced on Sept. 27 that National Guard troops would reinforce security crews at 422 of America's largest civilian airports for four to six months. The intent is to give airports time to improve their security procedures and systems over the next half year.

Each state governor can decide which Guard troops to deploy and what they will do. But the job is the same — providing a military presence that includes monitoring and reinforcing security checkpoints, monitoring the alertness and performance of civilian screeners, and assisting screeners, supervisors and airport police.

Approximately 120 Maryland Army Guard soldiers began working security checkpoints at Baltimore-Washington International Airport and regional airports such as those in Hagerstown and Salisbury.

Some 350 Virginia infantrymen and field artillerymen were trained for duty at Reagan, Dulles International and seven other airports. New Jersey called on about 150 Guard soldiers, including members of the 42nd MP Co., for duty in Newark, Trenton and Atlantic City.

Vermont called about 20 military police and security force personnel to airports in Burlington and Rutland, and later replaced them with FAA-trained artillery and armor soldiers.

As many as 40 Guard soldiers from the 116th Cavalry Brigade were prepared for duty at six Idaho airports, and Colorado formed a 140-member force for 13 airports, including Denver International. — *MSG Bob Haskell and SFC Eric Wedeking, NGB PAO*

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RETIRED **GEN Wesley K. Clark** recently joined CNN's ranks as a military analyst. The military strategist and decorated veteran will provide on-air analysis about military events worldwide.

A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and a Rhodes Scholar, Clark served in the Vietnam War and helped train American forces for the Gulf War.

From July 1997 to May 2000 he was the supreme allied commander, Europe, a position in which he was responsible for safeguarding an area extending from the northern tip of Norway to the eastern border to Turkey, and oversaw almost 75,000 troops



Clark: CNN analyst.

from 37 NATO and other nations participating in ongoing operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo.

In 1999 Clark commanded Operation Allied Force, the successful military action in response to the Kosovo crisis and the largest air operation in Europe since World War II.

During that time Clark was also the commander in chief of the U.S. European Command, an area of operations spanning 89 countries and territories and more than 13 million square miles in Europe, Africa and the Middle East and involving more than 100,000 U.S. service members. — *Megan Mahoney, CNN*